

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be accepted through PhORCAS™ (Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service) ONLY. PhORCAS™ application must include: letter of intent specific to the VAMHCS, curriculum vitae, three letters of reference, and official pharmacy school transcripts.

A virtual interview and participation in the ASHP Residency Match Program are also required. Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of pre-employment fingerprinting and physical exam, including negative drug test.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
**January 6, 2024**

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) is a multi-facility network of 3 medical centers and 5 outpatient clinics with a total of ~600 operating beds serving over 53,000 Veterans throughout the state of Maryland.

The three Medical Centers in Baltimore, Loch Raven and Perry Point serve as practice sites and provide acute care, surgical services, psychiatry, ambulatory care, oncology, long-term care as well as teaching and research experiences.

The Pharmacy department includes close to 100 pharmacists and pharmacy technicians and provides 24/7 services in Baltimore.

Our healthcare system serves the healthcare needs of America's Veterans in Maryland by providing primary care, specialized care, and related medical and social support sources.

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This program participates in the ASHP Residency Matching Program through the National Matching Service. The residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from the residency applicant. Candidates will be notified of an interview no later than the second Friday of February. For additional information, please contact the Residency Program Director.



**POSTGRADUATE**

**YEAR ONE**

**(PGY1)**

**PHARMACY RESIDENCY**

**PROGRAM**

**VA Maryland Health  
Care System**

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## OVERVIEW

The VA Maryland Health Care System (VAMHCS) is seeking TWO highly motivated PGY1 Residency Program candidates. This 12-month ASHP-accredited Program is designed to build on Doctor of Pharmacy education and outcomes to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists responsible for medication-related care of patients with a wide range of conditions, eligible for board certification, and eligible for PGY2 pharmacy residency training. This residency places emphasis on clinical and distributive pharmacy services, using a comprehensive, hands-on, clinically focused approach. Through flexibility and opportunity, this program fosters a unique residency experience, serving a challenging and rewarding Veteran population. Most residents completing this program have been employed as Clinical Pharmacy Specialists in the Veterans Affairs Health Care System.



## PGY1 PHARMACY TRAINING

The VAMHCS PGY1 program provides exceptional opportunity for Residents to progressively develop their clinical skills. The program's focus is providing direct patient care with the supervision from respective preceptors and offers learning experiences in diverse practice areas including Acute Care, Ambulatory Care, and Long-term Care. Residents will focus on optimization of pharmacotherapy, perform medication reconciliation, and collaborate with interdisciplinary teams.

## OPPORTUNITY

### LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Core rotations for this program include:

- Internal Medicine
- Cardiology
- Administration/Practice Management
- Hospital Pharmacy
- Geriatrics
- Ambulatory Care

Available elective rotations:

- Infectious Disease/Antimicrobial Stewardship
- Critical Care (MICU or SICU)
- Academic Detailing
- Psychiatry
- Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)

### TEACHING

The resident will participate in select teaching activities at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. An elective teaching certificate program is available through the VA Pharmacy Residency Program Office (VA PRPO).

### PRESENTATIONS

- Journal Club (2), Case Presentation, In-service(s)
- Formal Pharmacotherapy Presentation (CE) in conjunction with other participating Baltimore residency programs
- Required Research Project with presentation of results at a regional pharmacy conference (with manuscript of publishable quality)

## EVALUATION

A Residency Development Plan (RDP) for each resident will be formulated upon entry into the program. Updates and changes will be addressed quarterly by the Residency Program Director. Following the ASHP Accreditation Standard for PGY1 Pharmacy Residency, this program includes the required ASHP Competency Areas, Goals, and Objectives. Resident performance on each learning experience will be documented electronically in PharmAcademic™.

## BENEFITS

- Annual stipend is \$53,650
- Benefits include:
  - 11 paid Federal holidays
  - 13 accrued vacation and 13 accrued sick days
  - Paid leave to attend approved professional meetings
  - Health benefits are available at standard government employee contribution rates
  - A dual appointment may be available for additional reimbursement.

## REQUIREMENTS

A Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an American Council of Pharmaceutical Education (ACPE) accredited school of pharmacy, U.S. citizenship and a full, current, and unrestricted license to practice pharmacy in a State, Territory, or Commonwealth of the U.S. or District of Columbia within 120 days of the start of the program.